

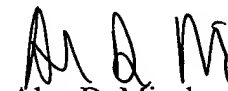
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures a formal defect in one of the claims and does not touch the merits. In particular, claim 25 is amended to delete the word "not". Note that this change makes claim 25 consistent with the other claims. No new matter is believed to be introduced by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Although no fee is believed due with this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated herewith to Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Deposit Account No. 20-1430. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite issuance of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (206) 467-9600.

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